

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING
CONGRESS TO CONSIDER AND PASS LEGISLATION
THAT EXPANDS THE USE OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC
SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND
ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grants are an irreplaceable source of funding for municipalities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, currently the CDBG program has a fifteen (15) percent cap that municipalities can use for public services; and

WHEREAS, expanding the cap to twenty-five (25) percent would allow municipalities to target CDBG funds to the immediate and unprecedented needs of families and individuals harmed by the ongoing home foreclosure crisis and general economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL-18) are sponsors of federal legislation titled the *CDBG Public Services Flexibility Act* that would expand the public services cap from fifteen (15) percent to twenty-five (25) percent; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-supported projects and services create a bridge for struggling families to the middle class, and giving localities the discretion to increase spending on public services to twenty-five (25) percent will help service providers maintain essential support for those families despite persistent decreases in municipal revenues.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

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Section 1. Recitals. The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. Mayor and City Council Support. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge Congress to pass the CDBG Public Services Flexibility Act and express appreciation to the Florida members of Congress who have signed on as sponsors and co-sponsors of this federal legislation.

Section 3. Directions to City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities, and the Secretaries of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of October, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes) _____ (No)